Texas School for the Deaf

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Texas School for the Deaf is a state-operated primary and secondary school for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is located in Austin, Texas and was first opened in 1857. Today it enrolls 544 students and supports students, families and professionals through statewide outreach services. The School aims to ensure students learn, grow and belong in a language-rich environment and aspires to be a premier leader in bilingual education that challenges each student to reach their full potential.

This photoessay portrays the rich experiences of the students in various school contexts, from playground, to classroom, to vocational settings. It is believed that a visual methodology can better capture and represent these students’ lively daily encounters in the School as well as shared cultural tales of this close-knit community through visual communication, which demonstrates the sophisticated literacy of body language. It is indeed a truism, a photo is worth a thousand words.

An Chih Cheng
Dedicated to all the children at the Texas School for the Deaf.
When I grow up
I want to be a teacher.

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